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APPARATUS AND DIGITAL  
INTERFACE

Examiner: H.N. Nguyen

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 6.

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